

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING



VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

MI 11090

VIOLATOR

Customer # 38235

Certificate # 34-C-0297

Vicki Joan Putnam

Dakin's Dream A Little Black Bear Sanctuary

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

12753 Hall Road

Ewen, MI 49925

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **July 27, 2011** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

9 CFR, SECTION

Failure to

2.131 (b)(1)

- **Handle all animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.**

(On July 18, 2011, a person of the general public was attacked and injured by a bear after entering the bear enclosure to provide them with water.)

2.131 (c)(1)

- **During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.**

(On July 18, 2011, insufficient distance and/or barriers were not established between the bear enclosure and general public.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name and Title)

Elizabeth Goldentyer, DVM

Regional Director

SIGNATURE

DATE ISSUED

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